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SUBJ: SOCIALIST TABLOID SAYS NASA PROVIDED EQUIPMENT  
FOR CHANNEL 6

REF: SANTIAGO USIAC 2664

1. SOCIALIST AFTERNOON TABLOID " ULTIMA HORA" TODAY FRONT  
PAGES " YANKEE NASA HELPS REFLOAT CHANNEL 6". BACK PAGE  
STORY SAID UNIV CHILE' S SECOND TV STATION WILL RETURN TO AIR  
" WITHIN 24 HOURS ( WITH ) TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY NASA,  
AN OFFICIAL ORGANISM OF NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT."

2. STORY NOTED NASA HAS TECHNICAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES  
WITH UNIV CHILE, AND CONCLUDED SAYING RECTOR BOENINGER  
" SOLICITED TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT FROM NASA".

3. REFTTEL EXPLAINS HOW UNIV CHILE SET UP SEPARATE  
CHANNEL 6 SINCE REGULAR UNIVERSITY STATION, CHANNEL 9,  
OCCUPIED BY LEFT EXTREMISTS SINCE NOVEMBER 1972.  
CHANNEL 6 SMASHED BY GOC DETECTIVES AND CARABINEROS  
SOME 36 HOURS AFTER IT WENT ON AIR WITH WEAK SIGNAL AND  
IMPROVISED EQUIPMENT.

4. UNIV CHILE OFFICIAL DID INDEED REQUEST IN WRITING THAT  
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NASA STATION DIRECTOR PROVIDE EQUIPMENT SOME TWO MONTHS AGO ( NOT SPECIFYING CHANNEL 6) BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THAT EQUIPMENT NOT SURPLUS. LAST WEEK, AFTER CHANNEL 6 CLOSED DOWN BY GOC, SAME UNIV CHILE OFFICIAL MADE ORAL REPRESENTATIONS TO NASA STATION DIRECTOR, WHO CONSULTED ME, AND WAS TOLD DONATION OF EQUIPMENT INADVISABLE IN LIGHT CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND MIGHT JEOPARDIZE NASA' S STANDING.

5. RUMORS CIRCULATED LAST WEEK AMONG NASA STATION LOCAL EMPLOYEES THAT EQUIPMENT WAS BEING FABRICATED AT STATION FOR CHANNEL 6 USE AND THAT PARTS AND MATERIALS WERE BEING TAKEN FROM STATION FOR SAME USE. NASA STATION DIRECTOR INVESTIGATED AT THAT TIME AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF EITHER. CONSIDERABLE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SOME STATION EMPLOYEES MAY BE GIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON THEIR FREE TIME AND OUTSIDE STATION PREMISES.

6. OTHER AFTERNOON TABLOID, OPPOSITION " LA SEGUNDA" ( MERCURIO CHAIN), REPORTS TODAY THAT CHANNEL 6 WILL REAPPEAR TUESDAY, JULY 3.

7. MEANWHILE, UNIV CHILE AUTHORITIES PREPARING BRIEF FOR SUPREME COURT ESTABLISHING UNIVERSITY' S RIGHT TO ESTABLISH CHANNEL 6. INVESTIGATING JUDGE AT WORK ON CASE.  
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